



Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop Parish, Warnervale.

We gather as a community of believers in Jesus, to grow as his disciples, using our gifts, to proclaim the Gospel

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD 8TH JANUARY 2023, YEAR A

Diocese of Broken Bay
Ancestral home of the
Darkinjung people

Image by Sr Dorothy Woodward rsj

Readings: Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3, 5-6
Mt 2:1-12

Response:

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you

Alleluia, alleluia!

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Alleluia!



The Feast of the Epiphany

The feast of the Epiphany was kept on 6 January in the East and in some Western Churches before being observed in Rome and was the equivalent of Christmas (December 25) in the Roman Church. The feast was introduced to Rome in the second half of the sixth century.

Epiphany means 'manifestation' and celebrates the manifestation of our Lord to the whole world. After being made known to the shepherds of Bethlehem Jesus is revealed to the Magi who have come from the East. Christian tradition sees in the Magi the first fruits of salvation for the Gentiles and so this feast is an affirmation of universal salvation.

Weddings



Congratulations to Shane and Chantelle who are being married in the parish on 7th January, and also congratulations to Matthew and Teresa who are getting married in the parish on 14th January. Please keep these couples in your prayers.

Young People and Adults becoming Catholics

If you wish for your child/ren or yourself to become a member of the Catholic church, we will be holding the Rite of Christian Initiation of Children (RCIC) and Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) course in the church in 2023.

RCIC lessons will be held **each Saturday** starting **January 28th - at 3pm.**

RCIA lessons will commence **Thursday 7th February 2023 from 7pm** in the Church.

The adults and children will then celebrate their sacraments at Easter Vigil Mass on Saturday night 9 April 2023.

For more information or to register please contact the parish office during office hours on 8379 1740 or email the office.

Baptism of the Lord - 9 January

Fr Philip will celebrate Mass on Monday 9th January instead of a Communion Service to celebrate the Baptism of the Lord feast day.

Sunday Mass

Sat (Vigil) 5pm,
Sun 8am, 10am, 5pm

Family Mass

Every Sunday at 10am
Includes Children's Liturgy

Weekday Mass

Mon—Communion Service

Tues - Sat 9.15am

1st & 3rd Sat 9:15am

Monthly BBQ

4th Sunday of each month
after 5pm Mass

Devotions

Rosary after weekday Mass
Tues 6pm Rosary

Anointing Mass

3rd Saturday of the Month
at 9:15am

Reconciliation

Sat 4 - 4.30 pm

Baptisms

Sunday 11.30am Contact the
Parish Office for details.

Baptisms Preparation

3rd Tuesday of each month at
7pm in the church

Weddings

By appointment

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tues to Fri 8am to 9am

Parish Luncheon

2nd Thursday of the month
12noon at Wallarah Bay Club

Men's Breakfast

4th Saturday of the month at
Warnies Café.

Syro-Malabar Mass

1st Friday at 6pm

1st & 3rd Sunday at 7pm

2nd and 4th Saturday 9.15 am

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Office hours: Tues—Fri 8:30am—2:30pm

Safeguarding: When safeguarding is embedded in Parish leadership, governance and culture; members of the Parish recognise that it is a shared responsibility to safeguard children, young people and adults at risk.

'Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility'

If you have any concerns please contact our Safeguarding officer - Bill Mifsud (bill@earthgold.com.au) 0412 051 839

School Holidays

Access to the church will be via the top gate. The site will be locked at 2:30pm most afternoons. Our apologies for any inconvenience. We ask you be attentive and if you see any security issues and ring the parish mobile (0498 026 713) or Knight-guard Protection Group (1300 655 009)



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for January

For educators

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

Baptism Information Night



Our next information session is on **Tuesday 17th January 2023 at 7pm** in the church. Please come along if you wish to have your child baptised.

The Journey

This weekly program is developed by the Catholic Diocese of Wollongong and is the only Catholic radio program in Australia aired on general Christian radio. On Sundays or any day. Tune in to 94.9 Rhema FM



PARISH COLLECTIONS

1st collection: goes to the Clergy Remuneration Fund for the financial support of the priests.

2nd Collection: Funds the operational management of the Parish

You can also donate via Bpoint, which will take you to our

Website for secure online payments. <https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/WarnervaleParish>

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Thank you for your generous contribution

Please remember our sick: Pauline Caulfield, Finn McConnon, Salvacion Mabaquiao, Martin Duffy, Robert Seddon, Rommell, Toni Grace, Christina Edwards.

Anniversaries: Moore & Langley Families, Abraham, Michael McQueen, Mike McQueen, Sandra O'Connor, Charlie Gatt, Chelsea Gatt, Sue Lauder, Frank Costa, Peter Walsh, Frank Walsh.

Recently Deceased: Guin Lee, Eugene Jennings, Pope Benedict XVI, Wendy Woodhouse, Andrew Speight.

WORLD YOUTH DAY LISBON 2023



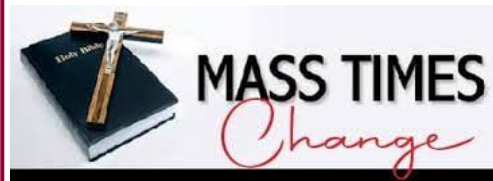
REGISTRATION UPDATE

- The excitement is certainly building as we continue to plan and prepare for WYD23 to Lisbon next year!
- Places for Over 18's on the full pilgrimage have reached capacity.
- We have a number of spaces on the Direct Pilgrimage 29 July to 11 August
- It's not too late to let us know that you'd like to journey with us on the Direct pilgrimage.
- Register to secure your place: <https://bit.ly/wyd2023bbc>

World Youth Day 2023 Lisbon is fast approaching! It is now time to register for the Broken Bay WYD23 Pilgrimage. Visit <https://bbwyd.org.au/register-for-wyd/> to register.

7:30am Mass on Wednesdays

There will be no more Wednesday 7:30am and 9:15am Mass. Mass will be celebrated at 8:45am from 15th February, which will be for MacKillop Catholic College students and parishioner. 9:15am Mass will continue till 8th February.



The year of St. Francis de Sales

Mere silence is not wisdom, for wisdom consists in knowing when and how to speak and when and where to keep silent.

(The Spirit of St. François de Sales, XX 2)

SAINTS DAYS

Monday 9 January
The Baptism of the Lord

Tuesday 10 January

Wednesday 11 January

Thursday 12 January

Friday 13 January
St Hilary

Saturday 14 January

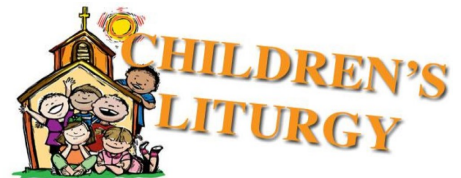
Return and Earn

This week we raised \$118.30



Please remember containers need to be empty of liquid; not crushed or broken. Please place glass containers in the crates. Cans and Bottles must have 10c refund logo.

Thank you for your continued support!



Children's Liturgy

The Children's Liturgy of the Word team would like to wish all the children and families of the parish a very happy and safe Christmas and holiday break. The team will now take a break until the end of January 2023.

Thank you to all our volunteers who have worked with the parish children each week.

If you are interested in joining this worthwhile ministry in 2023 and help break open the word for the children of our parish, please email the parish office .



The Epiphany of the Lord

First Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

The glory of the Lord shines upon you.

Arise, shine out Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples.

Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness.

Lift up your eyes and look around: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and daughters being tenderly carried.

At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you; the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

O God, give your judgment to the king,
to the king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgment. **R.**

In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to earth's bounds. **R.**

The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts
shall pay him tribute.
The kings of Sheba and Seba
shall bring him gifts.
Before him all kings shall fall prostrate,
all nations shall serve him. **R.**

For he shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor. **R.**

The Epiphany of the Lord

Second Reading

St Paul to Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

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You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery.

This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in the past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

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Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

We have come from the East to worship the King.

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' when King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea', they told him 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
you are by now means least among the leaders of Judah,
for out of you will come a leader
who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child', he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

The Gospel of the Lord.